Order Number: 0402-01-22

# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOREST SERVICE BOISE NATIONAL FOREST MOUNTAIN HOME RANGER DISTRICT

# DESIGNATED CAMPING ORDER Lower South Fork Boise River (Forest Road 121)

#### **PROHIBITIONS:**

Pursuant to Title 36 CFR 261.50 (a & b), the following act is prohibited on the areas described in this order, all within the Mountain Home Ranger District, Boise National Forest. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.

Camping in violation of posted instructions. 36 CFR 261.58 (e)

#### **EXEMPTIONS:**

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

- 1. Persons with a special use authorization or other Forest Service authorization specifically exempting them from the effect of this Order.
- 2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.
- 3. Federal or State administrative personnel in the performance of an official duty.

## AREAS DESCRIBED:

The Lower South Fork Boise River designated camping area is described as the area along both sides of Forest Road 121 along the South Fork of the Boise River from one-half mile above Tailwaters Boat Launch located within Township 1 South, Range 8 East, section 11 traveling approximately 9 miles to the entrance of National Forest System road 121U located in Township 1 North and Range 8 East, section 30.

The above described area is located within the administrative boundaries of the Mountain Home Ranger District, Boise National Forest, Elmore County, Boise Meridian, Idaho.

# **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of the order is to aid in protecting resources along South Fork of the Boise River from camping related impacts while continuing to provide camping opportunities for the public.

### **IMPLEMENTATION:**

- 1. This Order will be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
- 2. A map identifying the closure area is attached and made part of this Order.
- 3. Violation of the above prohibition(s) is punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for an individual, or \$10,000.00 for an organization, and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 3571(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581 (b)(7)].

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4. Further information regarding this Order may be obtained at the Mountain Home Ranger Station located in Mountain Home, ID, telephone number (208)-587-7961.

Done at Boise, Idaho this 20th day of May, 2009.

CECILIA R. SEESHOLTZ

Forest Supervisor

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#### Assessment of Need and Enforcement Plan

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- 1. <u>Background</u>. In 1989, a special order was implemented to restrict motor vehicle access to designated roads along the South Fork Boise River from the cattle guard on then Road 113 (located at Village Boat launch to the mouth of Granite Creek, a tributary of the South Fork Boise River) to protect the environment. Per that special order, camping was effectively permitted only at the terminus of designated routes designated by the Forest Service. In 2007, as part of the Motorized Wheeled-Vehicle Route Designation and in subsequent development of the Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM), it was recognized that, due to mapping limitations, no effective means of displaying the past practice of managing dispersed camping at designated sites only through the MVUM, alone, could be done. It was apparent that reconfigured portal signage and designation of specific campsite locations was necessary to clearly inform the public on locations of suitable camping sites due to the change in travel restrictions resulting from the Motor Vehicle Rule.
- 2. <u>Intent of Subpart B order</u>. The order will maintain a variety of campsites along the South Fork Boise River below Anderson Ranch Dam and limit vehicle access to specific camping areas while improving riparian conditions along SFBR.
- 3. <u>Enforcement Plan</u>. The following activities need to occur to implement this special order in a manner that results in public acceptance and safety: On-ground signing to meet posting requirements in 36 CFR 261.51(b).

Action	Responsible Official	<u>Date</u>
Prepare proposed order	Appropriate Staff with LE&I input	04/23/09
Review proposed order Review proposed order	Breck Young RO LE&I and OGC	05/18/09 05/18/09
Approve proposed order	Cecilia R. Seesholtz	5/19/09
Post order in accordance with 36 CFR 261.51	MHRD Recreation staff	5/20/09
Prepare news release for local media describing the order and management objectives	None needed, maintains status quo	5/20/09
Describe implementation/action taken for order: Actions already completed: All campsites have been signed with the international camping symbol. Barrier rock have also been placed to limit vehicle access. Actions Needed: Install portal signs identify closure entrances points and additional barrier rock. Enforce order.	Appropriate District Staff LEO and field going personnel s	Ongoing

Enforcement Plan approved for implementation:

CECILIA R. SEESHOLTZ
Forest Supervisor, Boise National Forest

May 20, 3009 DATE /

